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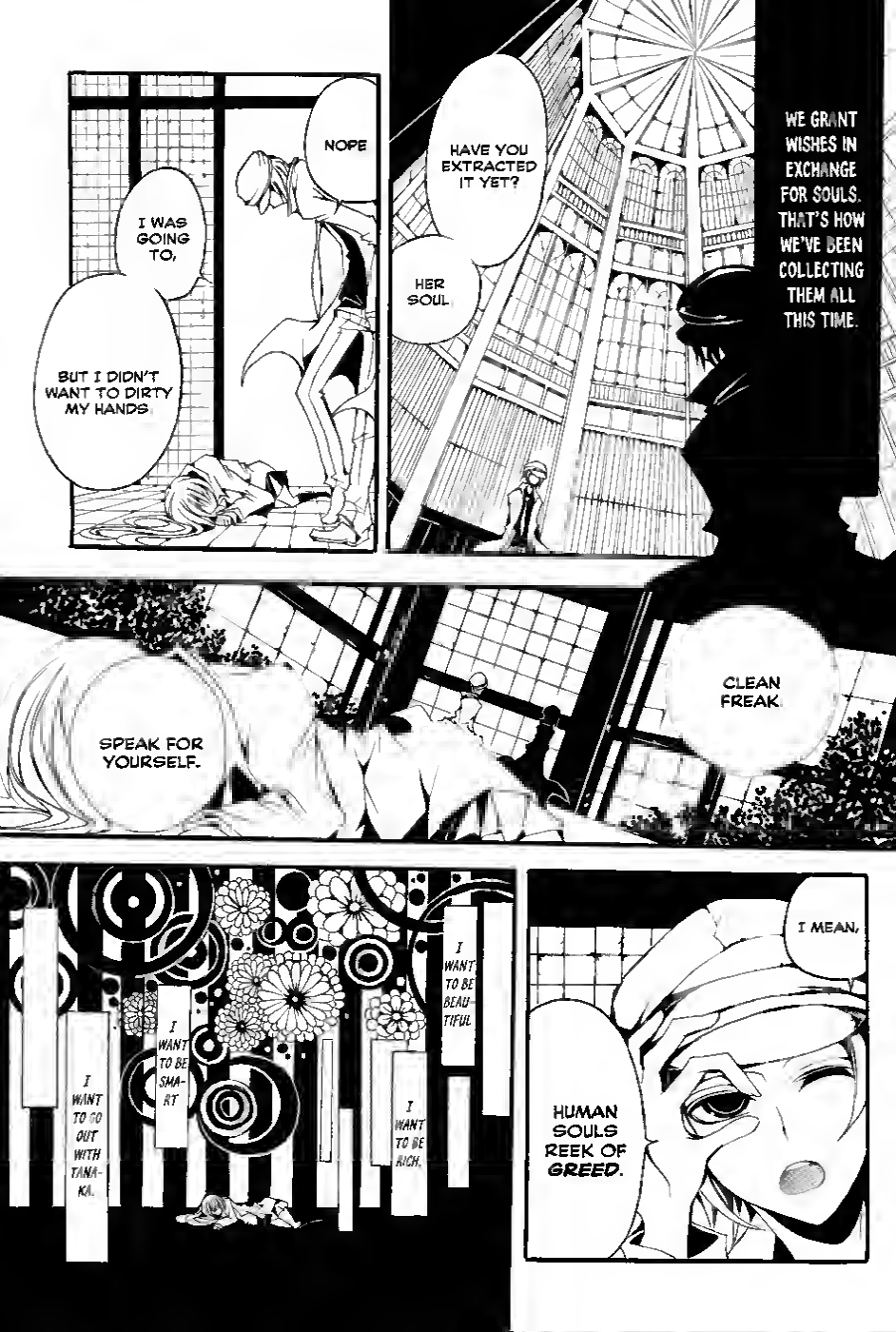
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

求めるは清浄なる魂の花
悪魔の双子兄弟ここに見参
第7回MF コミック大賞大賞受賞作!!
ORTHROS
オルトロス
期待の新鋭鮮烈デビュー
ノズエ

IF IT WASN'T IN OUR JOB DESCRIPTION, I WOULDN'T COLLECT THEM.
HUMAN SOULS ARE DIRTY, DON'T YOU THINK, KUROKICHI?
THEY ARE, SHIROKICHI.
OUR JOB IS TO PRETEND TO BE HUMAN AND REAP THEIR SOULS.
IT MAKES ME SICK.

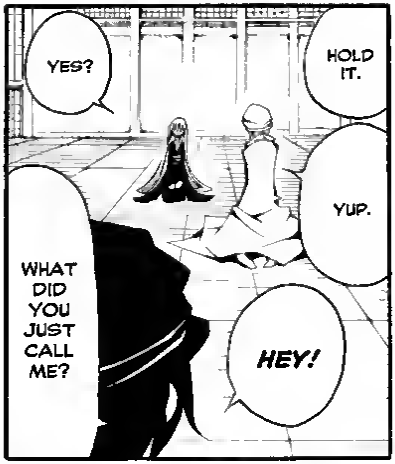

WE GRANT WISHES IN EXCHANGE FOR SOULS. THAT'S HOW WE'VE BEEN COLLECTING THEM ALL THIS TIME.
HAVE YOU EXTRACTED IT YET?
HER SOUL.
NOPE
I WAS GOING TO,
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO DIRTY MY HANDS.
CLEAN FREAK.
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.
I MEAN,
HUMAN SOULS REEK OF GREED.
I WANT TO BE BEAUTIFUL
I WANT TO BE SMART
I WANT TO BE RICH.
I WANT TO GO OUT WITH TANAKA.

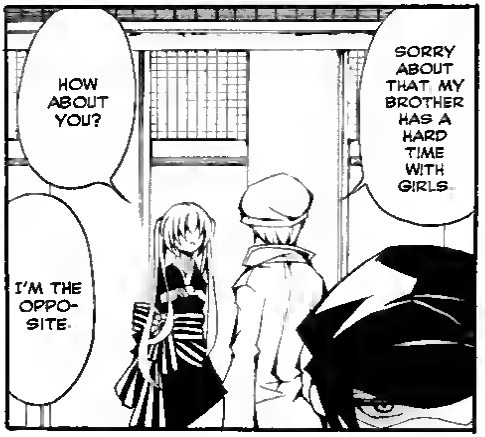
DON'T KNOW
YEAH, THERE IS
THERE'S A GUY NAMED TANAKA IN OUR SCHOOL, RIGHT?
WHAT?
HEY.
THIS GIRL...
ONE DOWN? SAME DIFFE-RENCE.
SO DO WE HAVE A DEAL?
IF WE SET THEM UP, THAT'S ONE WISH DOWN.
AND..
SHE SAID SHE LIKES HIM.
OH.
THERE ARE NO HUMANS WHO—
WHAT'S THAT SAYING AGAIN? *HUMANS HAVE ONLY 108 DE-SIRES"?*
*A BUDDHIST CONCEPT.
HAVEN'T GOT ONE
RAIN-ING
GOT AN UMBREL-LA?
LET'S GO BACK.

LOOKS LIKE...
THE RAIN'S HERE TO STAY.
SHOULD WE GO HOME ANYWAY? WE'RE SOAKING WET ALREADY.
<SLIDE>
5
AH.

SORRY. TAKING SHELTER FROM THE RAIN.
WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE.
LEAVE? BUT IT'S STILL RAINING.
IF ONLY I HAD AN UMBRELLA TO LEND YOU TWO.
BUT, YOU SEE, I DON'T GO OUT MUCH.
PLEASE, COME INSIDE.
OH, IT'S FINE, REALLY.
I'LL BRING SOME TOWELS, THEN.
KURO-KICHI
?
THAT GIRL...

...HAS JUST ONE WISH.
THANK YOU.
UM...
MY NAME IS AMANE. I'M THE SHRINE'S PRIESTESS
THIS HERE IS KURO-KICHI!
I'M SHIRO-KICHI
!!
?
YOU HAVE THE SAME NAMES AS MY SHRINE'S DOGS!





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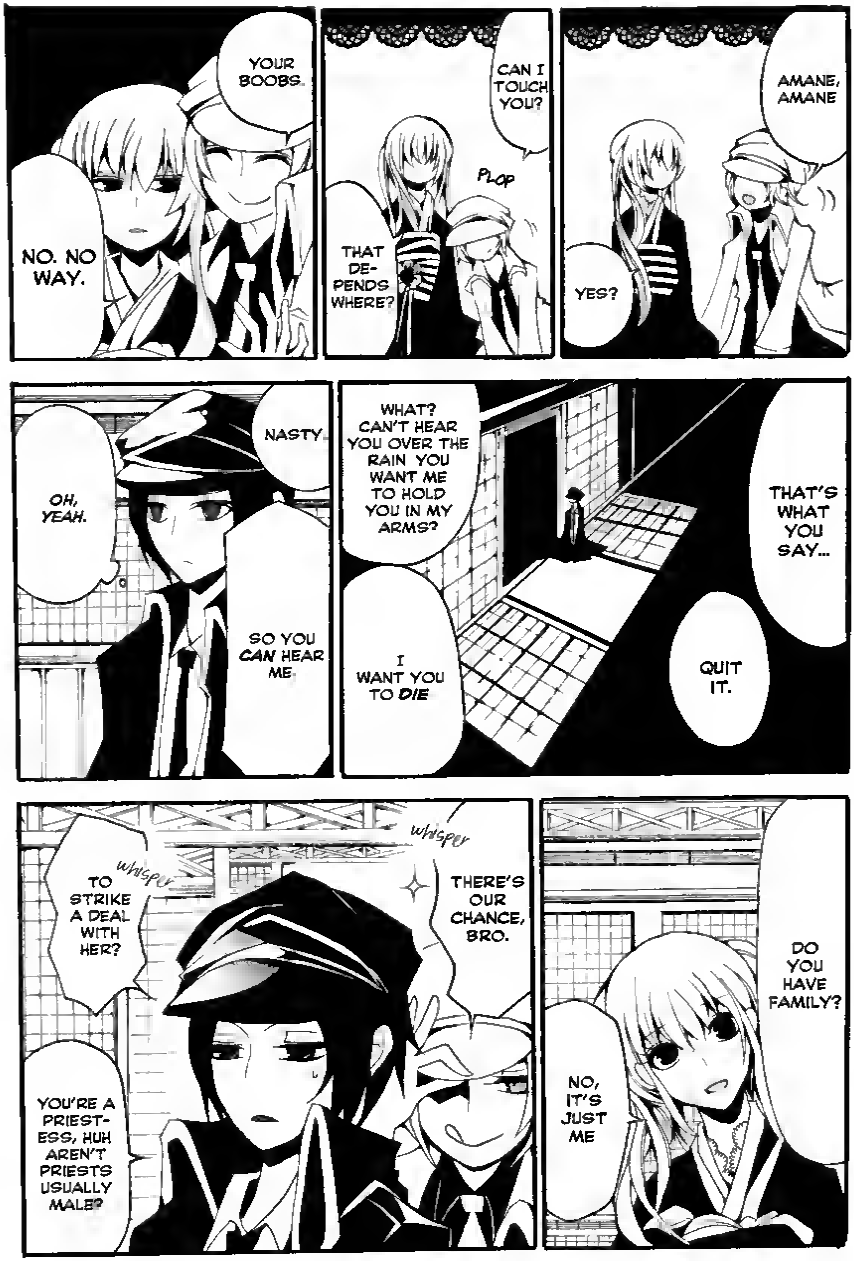
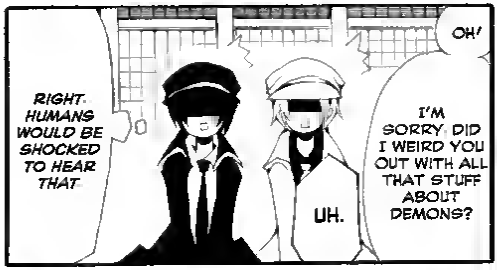
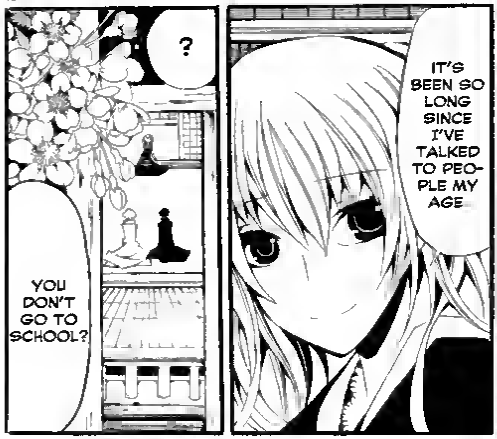

YOUR BOOBS.
NO. NO WAY.
CAN I TOUCH YOU?
PLOP
THAT DE-PENDS WHERE?
AMANE, AMANE
YES?
NASTY.
OH, YEAH.
SO YOU CAN HEAR ME.
WHAT? CAN'T HEAR YOU OVER THE RAIN. YOU WANT ME TO HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS?
I WANT YOU TO DIE
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY...
QUIT IT.
whisper
TO STRIKE A DEAL WITH HER?
whisper
THERE'S OUR CHANCE, BRO.
YOU'RE A PRIEST-ESS, HUH AREN'T PRIESTS USUALLY MALE?
DO YOU HAVE FAMILY?
NO, IT'S JUST ME

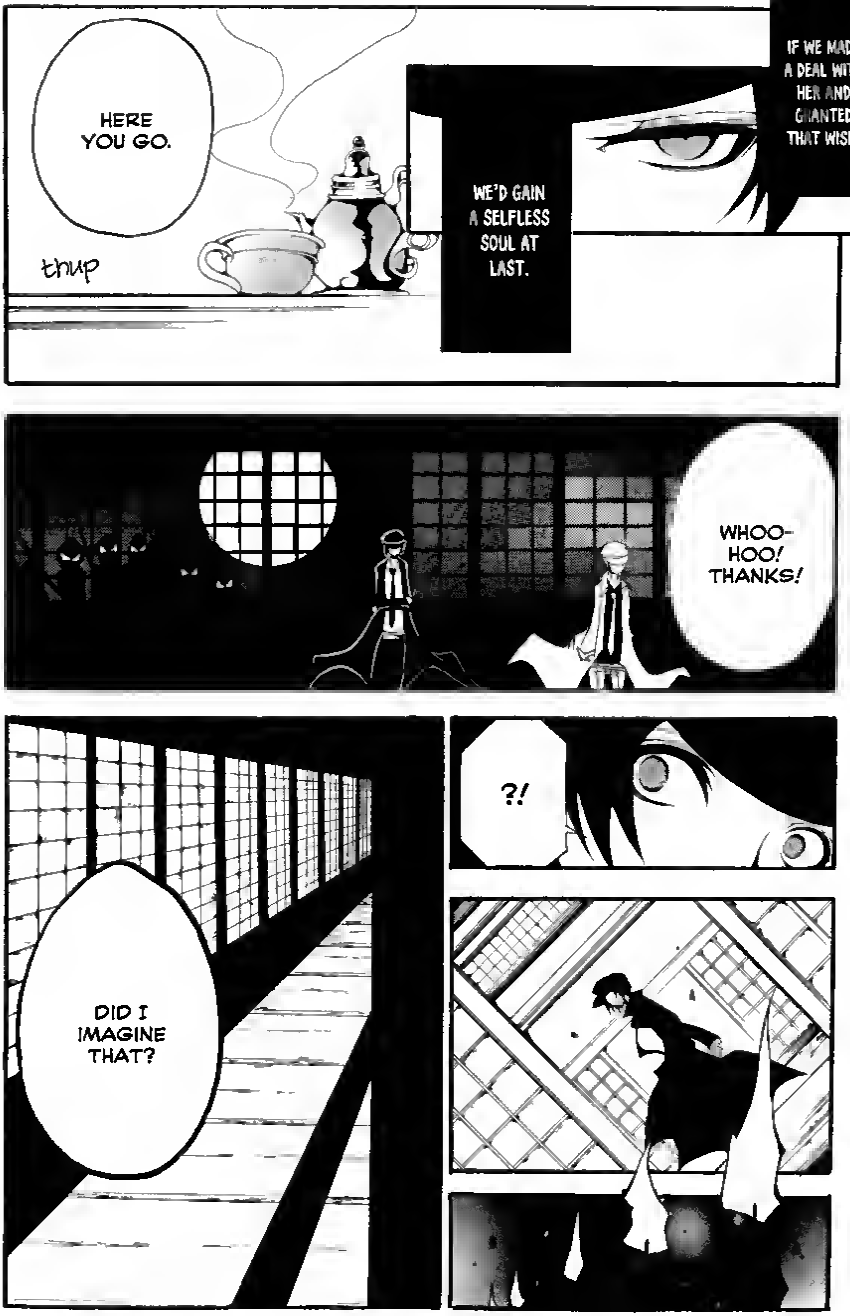
APPARENTLY DEMONS LIKE TO TARGET MY FAMILY.
I TOOK OVER FROM MY FATHER.

BOTH MY PARENTS HAD THEIR SOULS STOLEN.
OUR COL-LEAGUES MUST'VE DONE IT.


OH!
I'M SORRY. DID I WEIRD YOU OUT WITH ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT DEMONS?
UH.
RIGHT. HUMANS WOULD BE SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT.

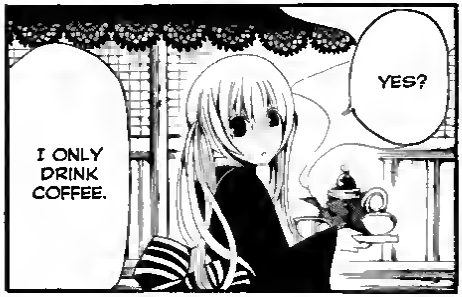

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE TALKED TO PEO-PLE MY AGE.
?
YOU DON'T GO TO SCHOOL?

I DID, FOR A WHILE. I SPENT MORE TIME IN THE SICK BAY THAN IN THE CLASSROOM, THOUGH. GROWING UP, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SICKLY.
EVEN-TUALLY, I HAD TO QUIT SCHOOL.
THIS IS AN OLD SHRINE WE HARDLY GET VISITORS.
PUSH
"IF"? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE YOU ARE A *PRIESTESS!*
IF THERE IS A GOD, ALL I ASK IS GOOD HEALTH. I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE.
HUG
AND YOUR CONDI-TION GOT WORSE
POOR THING YOU WERE SO LONELY, YOU EVEN NAMED YOUR SHRINE DOGS.
I WANT TO BE HEALTHY.
HER ONE WISH.
AH HA.
THAT'S HER ONE DESIRE.


HERE YOU GO.
thup
WE'D GAIN A SELFLESS SOUL AT LAST.
IF WE MADE A DEAL WITH HER AND GRANTED THAT WISH,
WHOO-HOO! THANKS!
DID I IMAGINE THAT?
?!

THUP
YOUR TEA.

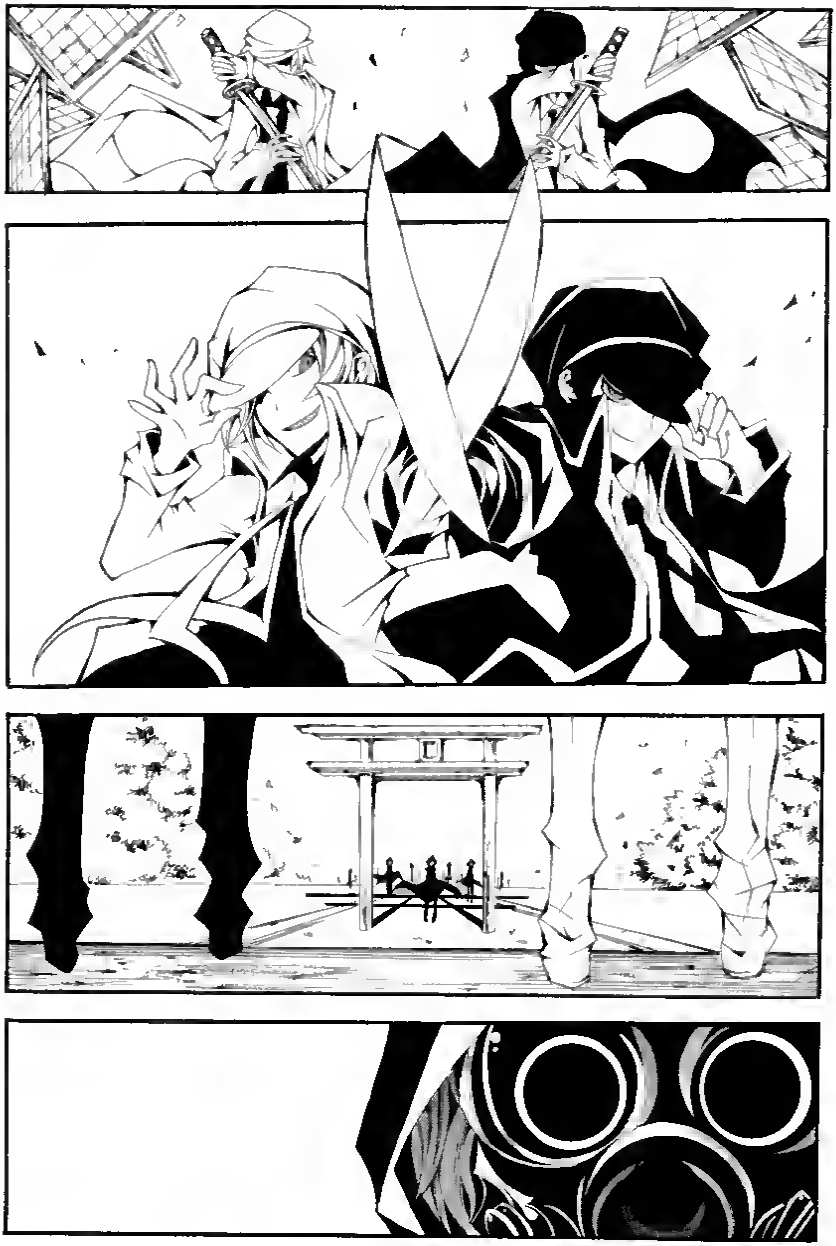
NO.
AMANE.


YES?
I ONLY DRINK COFFEE.

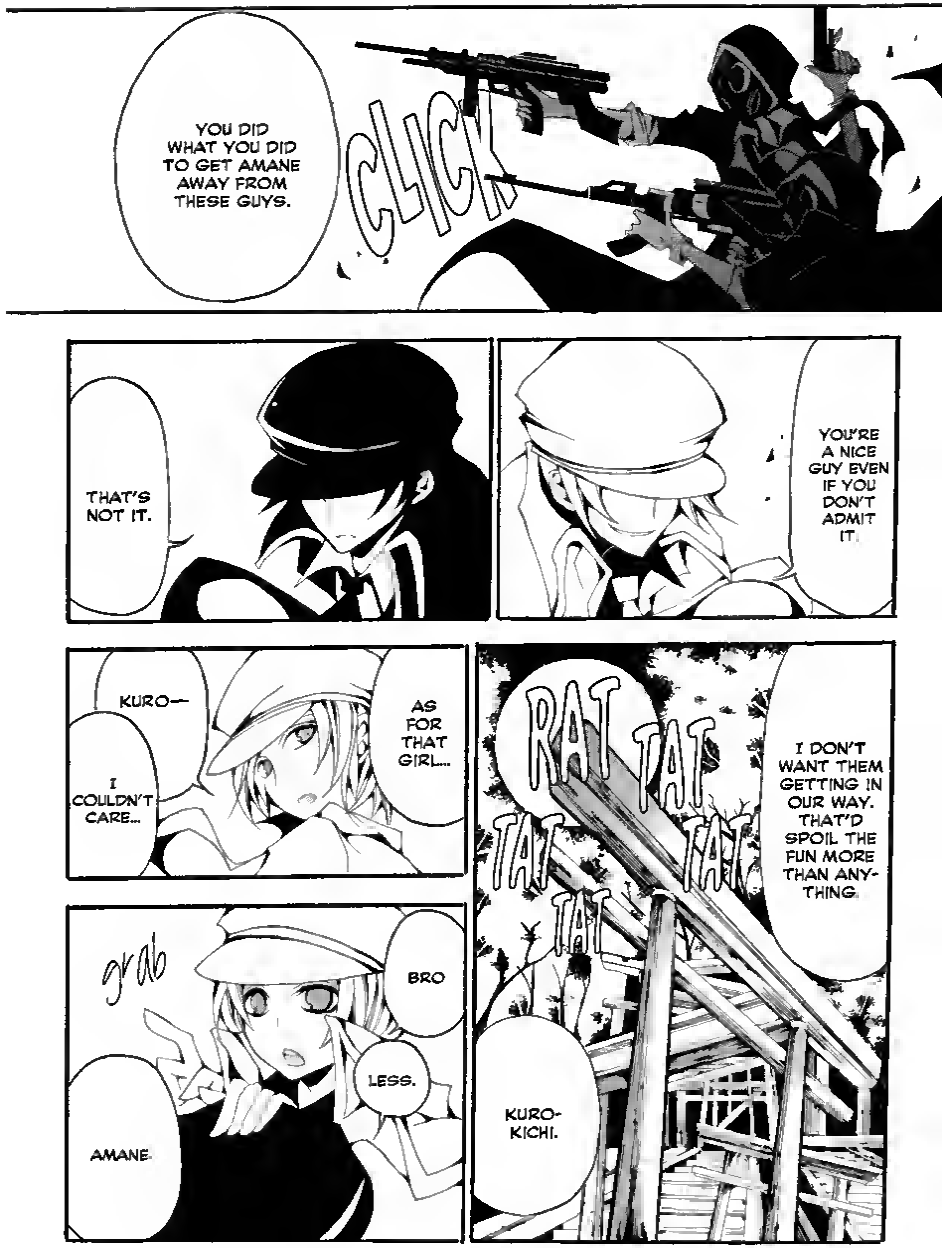
SORRY.
I DON'T DRINK COFFEE MYSELF, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY.
YOU DO?
Sip

MAKE ME COFFEE.
I GIVE YOU THREE MINUTES.
HUH?
180,
179, 178...
KURO-KICHI?
WE HAVE THE ROOM TO OUR-SELVES NOW
I'LL—
I'LL GO BUY SOME COFFEE!
TURN
WAIT!
HOW ABOUT YOU SHOW YOUR-SELVES?
YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH US,
DON'T YOU?

<WHOOSH WHOOSH WHOOSH>
GOTCHA.
SHIRO-KICHI.

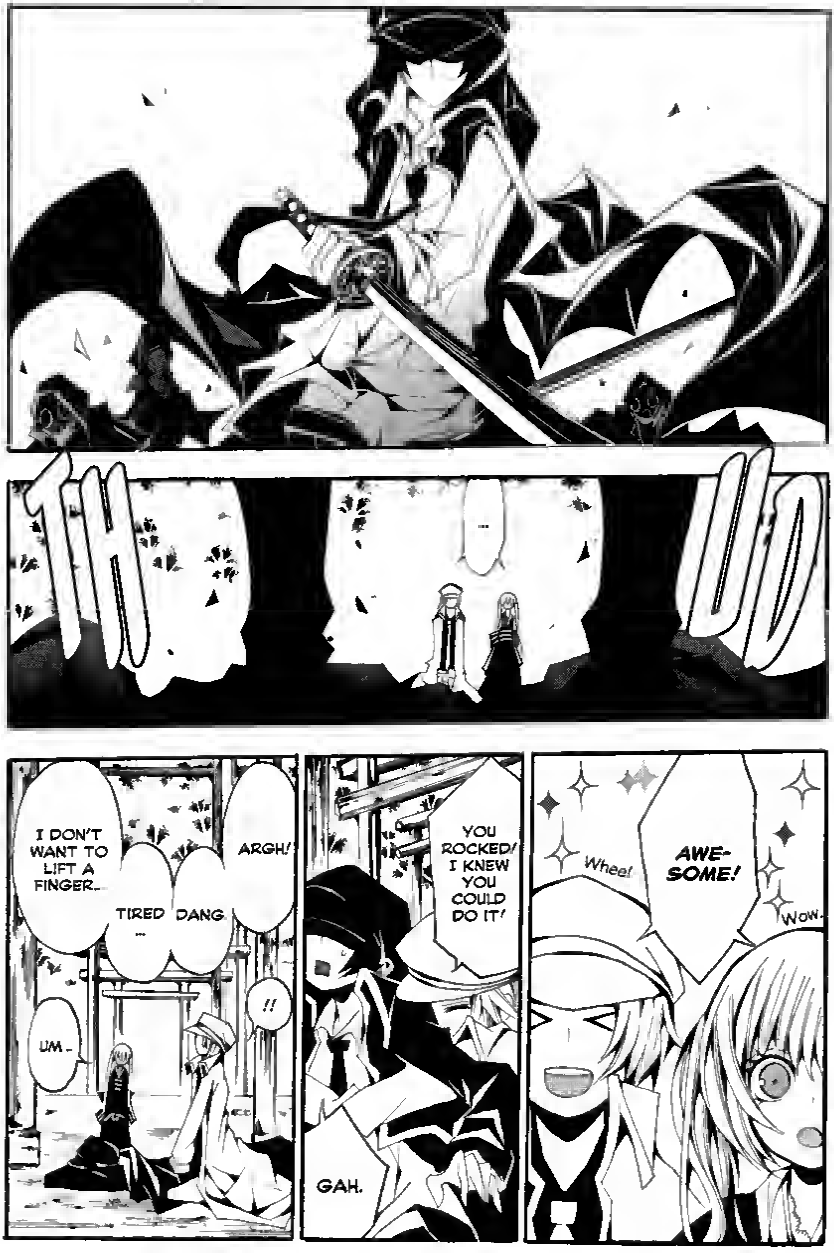


THEY'RE BAILIFFS
BAILIFFS?
HUFF PUFF
WHAT'S WITH THE-
?!
WH- WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THEY'RE DEMONS THAT SHOW UP WHEN SOUL-REAPING DEMONS ON EARTH ARE SLACKING OFF
?
AH.
SO THAT'S WHY
OF COURSE
WE HAVEN'T MADE ANY DEALS THIS MONTH
WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE? KICK THEIR ASSES AND BILK THEM, OF COURSE


YOU DID WHAT YOU DID TO GET AMANE AWAY FROM THESE GUYS.
CLICK
THAT'S NOT IT.
YOU'RE A NICE GUY EVEN IF YOU DON'T ADMIT IT.
KURO—
I COULDN'T CARE...
AS FOR THAT GIRL...
RAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
I DON'T WANT THEM GETTING IN OUR WAY. THAT'D SPOIL THE FUN MORE THAN ANY-THING.
KURO-KICHI.
grab
BRO
LESS.
AMANE.

!!
Hey!
BEHIND YOU!
huff puff
OVER THERE
See?
?!
WOOSH
EEK!
grab
WHO ARE THOSE PEO—
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN
HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THAT'S MY LINE! I CAME BACK TO CHECK WHAT ALL THE NOISE WAS ABOUT

CLI
!!
SHIRO-KICHI!
ARE YOU OK?
I'M GOOD. MAKE SURE AMANE—
WAIT A SEC, KUROKICHI! YOU DO *NOT* HOLD A GIRL'S HAND AND FORCE HER TO POWER WALK!
SHUT UP. JUST HURRY UP— NO, RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!
SHIRO-KICHI!
GR
AB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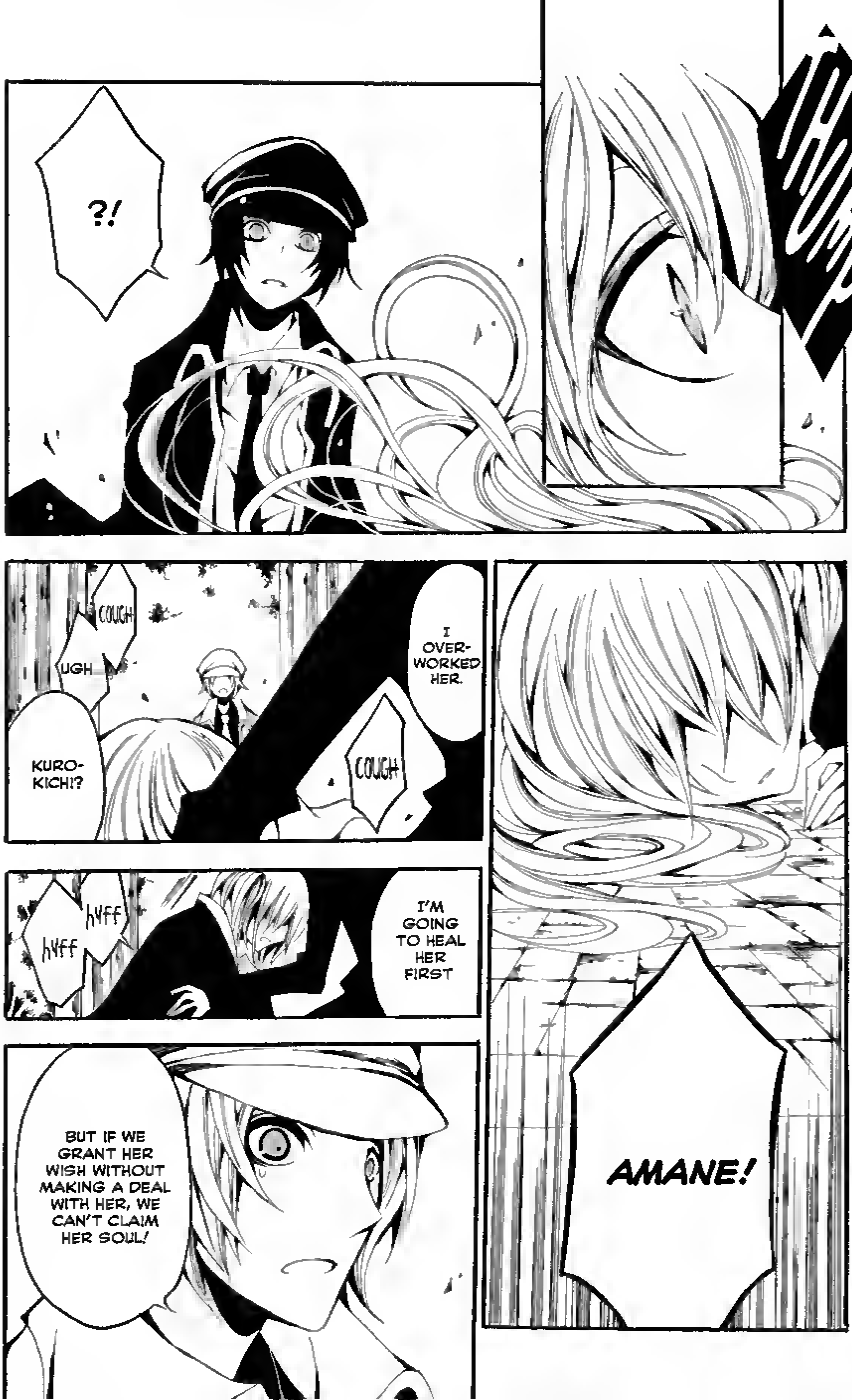
I DON'T WANT TO LIFT A FINGER..
ARGH!
TIRED
DANG
!!
UM..
YOU ROCKED! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!
GAH.
Whee!
AWE-SOME!
WOW.

WHAT A DRAG.
JUST BREATHING IS A DRAG.
...
KURO-KICHI.
Say Come Inna.
THANK YOU.
HE'S SHY.
WHAT?
HURRY UP.
TELL HER ABOUT THE DEAL ALREADY.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.
YES.
ANY-THING?
YOU PAY FOR YOUR WISH WITH YOUR SOUL.
ANY-THING.
SO THE MOMENT YOUR WISH COMES TRUE,
YOU DIE.
DEAL?
YEAH.
IF YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH US, YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND.

ULTIMATELY, IT'S 'CAUSE YOU WANT SO LITTLE.
?
PART OF IT IS LUCK, BUT...
LUCK...
Positive thinking
WHY ME?
GOD MUST HAVE SENT THEM HERE IN RETURN FOR MY SERVICE AT THE SHRINE.
SHIRO-KICHI.
SO WE HAVE A PROBLEM COLLECTING SOULS, YOU KNOW? AND THEN WE GET INTO TROUBLE WITH THE BAILIFFS CHASING US DOWN LIKE TH—
LOOM
WE'RE BOTH CLEAN FREAKS TOUCHING SOULS THAT ARE CONTAMINATED WITH GREED IS A BIG NO-NO.
BUT...
I—
SOULS?
WE DIGRESS CAN WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS NOW?

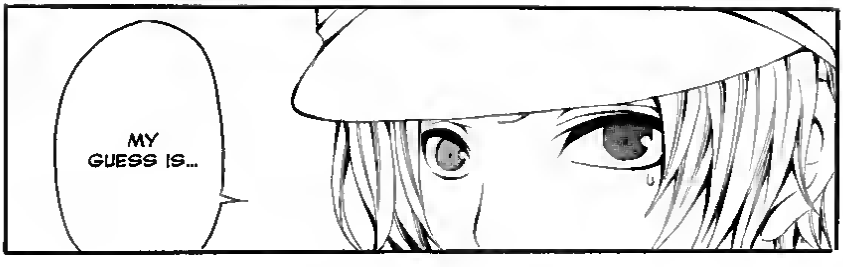
YOU DO HAVE A WISH DEEP IN YOUR HEART, DON'T YOU?
WE FULFILL THAT WISH...
YOU WISH TO BE CURED.
I...
WISH...
AND WE GAIN A SELFLESS SOUL.


?!
HUHP
COUGH
UGH
KURO-KICHI!?
I OVER-WORKED HER.
COUGH
HUFF
HUFF
I'M GOING TO HEAL HER FIRST
AMANE!
BUT IF WE GRANT HER WISH WITHOUT MAKING A DEAL WITH HER, WE CAN'T CLAIM HER SOUL!

THE WAY THINGS STAND, WE'RE MORE LIKELY TO LOSE HER SOUL FROM HER DYING BEFORE STRIKING A DEAL WITH US
NO.
HEAL HER FIRST,
MAKE A DEAL LATER
UGH..

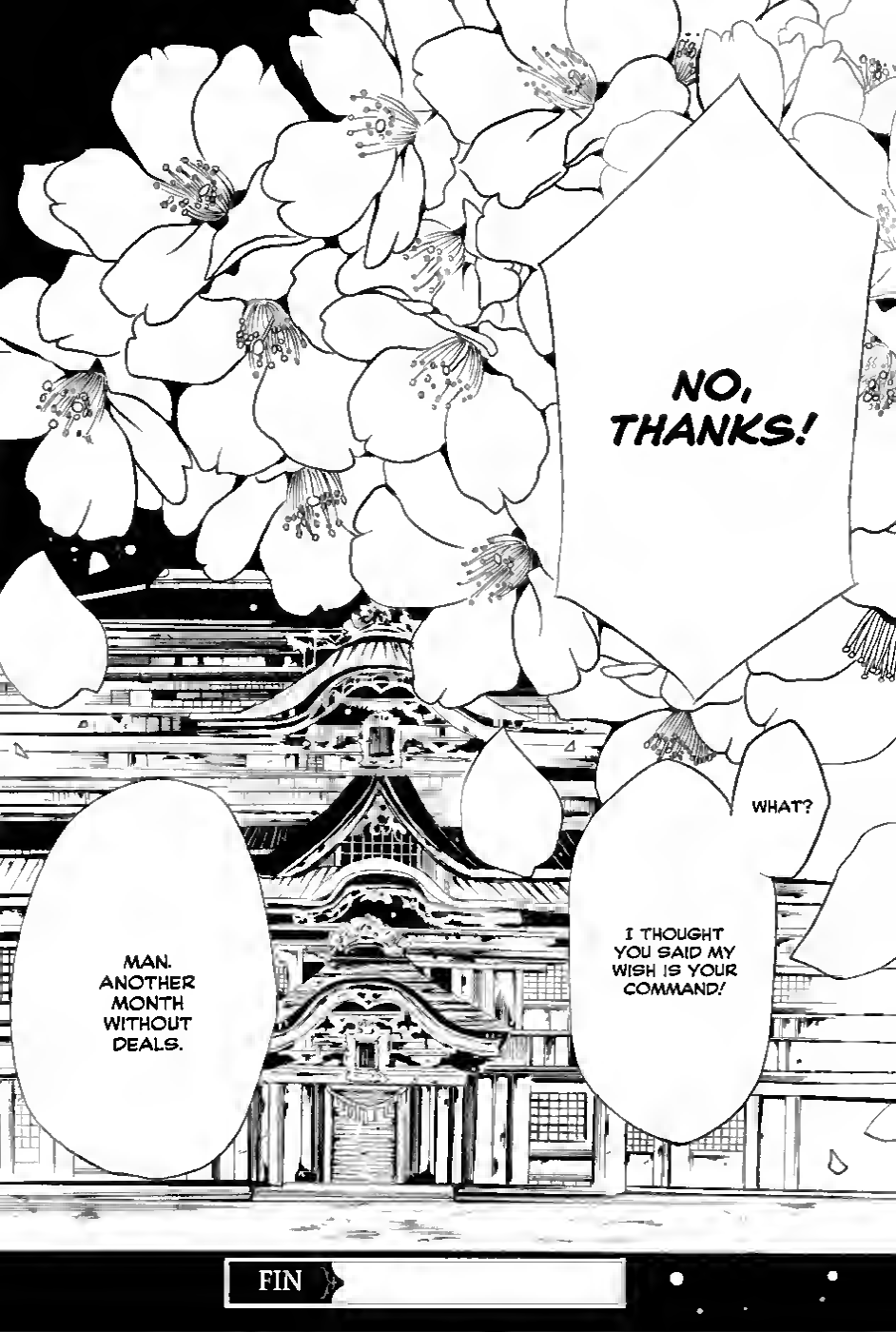
WHAT'S WRONG?
?
...UP
?!
I FEEL SO MUCH BETTER!
WOW!
HUH?
THEY KEEP PILING UP!
NOW THAT I'M NO LONGER SICK, I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING I COULDN'T DO BEFORE
I WANT TO HAVE FUN
I WANT TO HAVE FRIENDS
I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL.
MAYBE I CAN EVEN GO OUT NOW...
I WANT TO GO OUTSIDE.

YOU'RE RIGHT...
WHAT'S GOING ON?


MY GUESS IS...

ALL I ASK IS GOOD HEALTH.
SHE GAVE UP ON LOTS OF THINGS BECAUSE OF HER SICK-NESS
BUT NOW THERE'S NOTHING TO HOLD HER BACK. IT'S LIKE A DAM JUST BROKE, AND HER SUPPRESSED WISHES ARE BURSTING OUT.

OH.
ABOUT THE DEAL...
DAMN IT ALL!
COULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR?
UH...
PLEASE,
PLEASE, CAN I BE YOUR FRIEND?


NO, THANKS!
WHAT?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID MY WISH IS YOUR COMMAND!
MAN. ANOTHER MONTH WITHOUT DEALS.
FIN